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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on April 24, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

**An Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 12 of this paper.